

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-203 (canceled).

Claim 204 (currently amended): A method of acquiring information from individuals ~~who want to volunteervolunteering~~ for ongoing consideration as potential candidates for participating as research subjects in any of a plurality of clinical trials registered with a recruitment service provider identified as currently recruiting research subjects, by means of a server operated by ~~[[a]]~~ the recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

the server transmitting for display on one end-user terminal a health survey form accessible to one of the individuals, the health survey form soliciting from the individual contact information by which the one individual may be contacted, and at least one of the individual's personal and medical information from which the individual may be evaluated as a potential candidate for any of the plurality of registered clinical trials, whereby the individual agrees to volunteer to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of registered clinical trials;

the server receiving information transmitted by the individual via the one end-user computer terminal, the information containing the individual's contact information and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information; and

the server storing the at least one of the individual's contact information and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information in a database, thereby registering the individual for ongoing consideration as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of registered clinical trials that is identified by the recruitment service provider as ~~[[currently]]~~ recruiting candidates,

wherein the plurality of registered clinical trials includes clinical trials that were first registered and remain registered with the recruitment service provider as of the time individual's

~~ongoing consideration comprises consideration for any of the plurality of clinical trials registered with the recruitment service provider at or after the time when the individual is first registered by the server, and clinical trials that are first registered with the recruitment service provider after the time when the individual is first registered and while the individual remains registered with the server.~~

Claim 205 (currently amended): The method of claim 204, wherein the individual's agreement ~~the information received by the server~~ signifies an agreement by the individual to release the contact information to a [[the]] representative of any ~~the at least one matching~~ clinical trial for which the individual is evaluated to be a potential candidate.

Claim 206 (currently amended): The method of claim 204, wherein the health survey form solicits [[the]] identification of one or more medical conditions of the individual for which the individual wishes to be considered as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in one or more of the plurality of clinical trials.

Claim 207 (canceled).

Claim 208 (previously presented): The method of claim 204, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network.

Claim 209 (currently amended): The method of claim 204, further comprising the step of:

the server transmitting registration information for display on a second end-user computer terminal, said registration information soliciting information for registering a clinical researcher administering one or more ~~of the plurality of clinical trials~~ to be registered.

wherein the plurality of registered clinical trials includes clinical trials that were first registered and remain registered with the recruitment service provider as of the time individual's ongoing consideration comprises consideration for any of the clinical trials registered with the recruitment service provider at or after the time when the individual is first registered by the server, and clinical trials that are first registered with the recruitment service provider after the time when the individual is first registered and while the individual remains registered with the server `[[.]]`;

provider, by means of a server operated by the ~~[[a]]~~ recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

the server receiving first information transmitted by one of the individuals via one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the first information containing contact information for contacting the individual, and at least one of personal and medical information for the individual from which the one individual may be evaluated as a potential candidate for any of the plurality of registered clinical trials, whereby the individual registers with the recruitment service provider and thereby agrees to volunteer to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of registered clinical trials identified to the recruitment service provider by a representative of the trial as ~~[[currently]]~~ recruiting candidates, and wherein the plurality of registered clinical trials includes clinical trials that were first registered and remain registered with the recruitment service provider as of the time when the individual is first registered by the server, and clinical trials that are first registered with the recruitment service provider after the time when the individual is first registered and while the individual remains registered with the server;

comparing the at least one of personal and medical information of the individual to selection criteria of at least one of the plurality of clinical trials that is ~~[[are]]~~ identified to the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates;

selecting the individual as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in the at least one ~~of the identified clinical trial~~ trial ~~[[trials]]~~ for which the comparison of the at least one of personal and medical information to the selection criteria indicates a match for the individual as a potential candidate; and

providing the individual's contact information to a representative of the at least one matching clinical trial, whereby the representative may contact the individual directly ~~to further evaluate the individual as a candidate for participating as a research subject in the matching clinical trial.~~

Claim 217 (currently amended): The method of claim 215, further comprising the steps of:

the server receiving a signal transmitted by the one of the plurality of end-user terminals indicating the individual's consent to the participation agreement.

Claim 219 (previously presented): The method of claim 218, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a name of the individual and a second personal identifier of the individual.

Claim 220 (previously presented): The method of claim 219, wherein the second personal identifier is a date of birth of the individual.

Claim 221 (previously presented): The method of claim 218, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a unique registration number of the individual.

Claim 222 (currently amended): The method of claim 218, further comprising the step of:

Claim 223 (currently amended): The method of claim 222, further comprising the step of:

~~the server~~ comparing the transmitted personally-identifying information with the stored personally-identifying information of the individual; and

Claim 224 (previously presented): The method of claim 215, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network.

receiving a match query from the representative of the at least one clinical trial, wherein the match query identifies the selection criteria for determining the match.

Claim 226 (currently amended): A method of on-line recruitment of individuals who want to volunteer [[volunteers]] for ongoing consideration as potential candidates for

the server receiving health survey information transmitted by one of the individuals via one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the health survey information including contact information for contacting the individual, ~~opt-in information indicating one or more selected clinical trial researchers,~~ and at least one of personal and medical information for the individual from which the individual may be evaluated as a potential candidate for any one of the plurality of registered clinical trials, wherein by transmitting the health survey information, the individual agrees to volunteer [[volunteers]] to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of registered clinical trials that are associated with ~~one of the one or more selected~~ clinical trial researchers and have been identified to the recruitment service provider as [[currently]] recruiting candidates, wherein the plurality of registered clinical trials includes clinical trials that were first registered and remain registered with the recruitment service provider as of the time when the individual is first registered by the server, and clinical trials that are first registered with the recruitment service provider after the time when the individual is first registered and while the individual remains registered with the server;

selecting the individual as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in at least one of the identified clinical trials for which the comparison indicates a match for the individual as a potential candidate; and

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Claim 227 (currently amended): The method of claim 226, wherein the individual's agreement ~~the information received by the server~~ signifies an agreement by the individual to release the contact information to the representative of the at least one matching clinical trial

the server receiving a signal transmitted by the one of the plurality of end-user ~~[[terminals]]~~ terminal indicating the individual's consent to the participation agreement.

~~wherein the step of the server transmitting the health survey form to the end-user terminal occurs after the server receives upon receipt of the transmitted signal.~~

Claim 231 (previously presented): The method of claim 226, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network

receiving a match query from the representative of the at least one clinical trial, wherein the match query identifies the selection criteria for determining the match.

Claim 234 (previously presented): The method of claim 233, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a name of the individual and a second personal identifier of the individual.

Claim 236 (previously presented): The method of claim 233, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a unique registration number of the individual.

the server transmitting an opt-out form for display on the one computer terminal or another one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the opt-out form soliciting the personally-identifying information of the individual as an indication that the individual wishes to withdraw from being considered as a potential candidate for participating in any of the plurality of clinical trials.

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the server receiving second information transmitted by the individual through the one end-user computer terminal or another one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the second information including the personally-identifying information of the individual and information indicating the individual's request to withdraw the registration;

~~the server~~ comparing the transmitted personally-identifying information with the stored personally-identifying information of the individual; and

~~the server~~ withdrawing the individual's registration when the comparing step indicates a match between the transmitted personally-identifying information and the stored personally-identifying information.

Claim 239 (currently amended): A method of on-line recruitment of individuals who want to volunteer [[volunteers]] for ongoing consideration as potential candidates for participating as research subjects in any of a plurality of clinical trials registered with a recruitment service provider, by means of a server operated by the [[a]] recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

the server transmitting a participation agreement for display on one of the plurality of end-user terminals accessible to one of the individuals ~~an individual~~, the participation agreement soliciting consent from the individual to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any ~~at least one~~ of the plurality of registered clinical trials that are identified by the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates;

the server receiving a signal transmitted by the one of the plurality of end-user terminals indicating the individual's consent to the participation agreement;

the server transmitting a health survey form upon receiving the transmitted signal, the transmitted health survey form being displayed ~~for display~~ on the one of the plurality of end-user terminals, ~~the health survey form and~~ soliciting contact information ~~for the individual~~, and at least one of personal and medical information for the individual from which the individual may be evaluated as a potential candidate for any of the plurality of registered clinical trials, whereby the at

wherein the plurality of registered clinical trials includes clinical trials that were first registered and remain registered with the recruitment service provider as of the time individual's ongoing consideration comprises consideration for any of the clinical trials registered with the recruitment service provider at or after the time when the individual is first registered by the server, and clinical trials that are first registered with the recruitment service provider after the time when the individual is first registered and while the individual remains registered with the server.

Claim 242 (canceled).

Claim 243 (previously presented): The method of claim 239, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network.

Claim 244 (currently amended): The method of claim 239, further comprising the step of:

the server transmitting registration information for display on a second end-user computer terminal, said registration information soliciting information for registering a clinical researcher administering one or more of the plurality of registered clinical trials.

Claim 245 (currently amended): A method by which an individual may register as a volunteer to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of a plurality of clinical trials registered with a recruitment service provider, and by which the individual may subsequently opt out of the registration, by means of a server operated by the ~~the~~ [[a]] recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

the server transmitting a participation agreement for display on one of the plurality of end-user terminals accessible to the individual, the participation agreement soliciting consent from the individual to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any at least one of the plurality of registered clinical trials that are identified by the recruitment service provider as ~~[[currently]]~~ recruiting candidates;

the server receiving a signal transmitted by the one of the plurality of end-user terminal ~~terminals~~ indicating the individual's consent to the participation agreement;

the server transmitting a health survey form for display on the one end-user terminal upon receiving the transmitted signal, the ~~the~~ [[a]] health survey form soliciting ~~from the individual~~ contact information by which the individual may be contacted, and at least one of the individual's personal and medical information from which the individual may be evaluated as a potential candidate for any of the plurality of clinical trials, ~~whereby the at least one of the individual's personal and~~

~~medical information may be used in the selection of potential candidates to participate as research subjects in one or more of the plurality of clinical trials~~

wherein the plurality of registered clinical trials includes clinical trials that were first registered and remain registered with the recruitment service provider as of the time when the individual is first registered by the server, and clinical trials that are first registered with the recruitment service provider after the time when the individual is first registered and while the individual remains registered with the server;

the server receiving first information transmitted by the individual via the one end-user computer terminal, the information containing the individual's contact information, personally-identifying information of the individual and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information;

the server storing the individual's contact information, the personally-identifying information of the individual and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information in a database, thereby registering the individual for ongoing consideration as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of registered clinical trials that is identified by the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates, wherein the individual's ongoing consideration comprises consideration for any of the clinical ~~[[trials]]~~ that is registered with the recruitment service provider while ~~at or after the time when~~ the individual is ~~[[first]]~~ registered by the server;

the server receiving second information transmitted by the individual through the one end-user computer terminal or another one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the second information including the personally-identifying information of the individual and information indicating the individual's request to withdraw the registration; and

the server storing the personally-identifying information of the individual and information indicating the individual's request to withdraw the registration in the database ~~comparing the transmitted personally-identifying information with the stored personally-identifying information of the individual;~~ and

~~the server withdrawing the individual's registration when the comparing step indicates a match between the transmitted personally-identifying information and the stored personally-identifying information.~~

Claim 246 (previously presented): The method of claim 245, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a name of the individual in combination with a second personal identifier of the individual.

Claim 247 (previously presented): The method of claim 246, wherein the second personal identifier is a date of birth of the individual.

Claims 248 - 253 (canceled).